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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, for which the three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on March 30, 2003. While Applicant believes that no extension of time for response is necessary, should the Office determine that any additional fees are necessary for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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